

sun, rather than reviving her faded vigor, conducted more directly to wither the little remaining bloom. Every exertion had been made, every means used to restore her dissipated health and strength. The last existing hope of recovery remained vain to prove the effect of country air, where her wasted form.

Early in May, freshwaters were made, and the once blooming Ernestine, left the crowded city of V— with all its gaiety, for a residence in a little cottage, not very remote from the place of her birth; yet still, entirely exempt from every thing, like the bubble of a large metropolitan.

The exchange of noise and confusion for quietness and rest, was, in a high degree, congenial to her feelings, she was loved from her childhood to be alone: yes, she was possessed of solitude. Although this caused no painful emotion, yet there was something that gave rise to sorrow. It was leaving the paternal roof, the happy home, the seat of every joy, that touched the tender cord in her breast, and wraked all those pleasing reminiscences of her childhood's years, that were then dormant in her breast. The recollection of "hazy days of yore" that she knew never could return, caused the tears to drop, to flow in hued streams, as she silently wended her way, through the avenue of the park, for she had a strong premonition that it was the last time.

After a few weeks residence at the cottage, shaded with crocuses and tulips, she was

no far restored, as every day to walk in the garden, and with her own hands, cut flowers to decorate her room. These who were acquainted with the nature of that flattering disease, considered it no favourable omen; but rather feared it might be a prelude to something more serious.

The fond parents blinded by more than ordinary tenderness, vainly imagined that speedy restoration would ensue: that shortly she would return to their once happy, but now desolate home.

Their former blighted hopes grew green. Ah fatal delusion! they were nipped in the bud: Yes, these ephemeral hopes, nourished a while only, to receive a more chilling shock.

Consumption had insidiously marked her sensitive form for its prey and was slowly, but surely

Thus one morning, one of the little maidens of the humble dwelling, to whom she had become (most attached) gathered expressly for her, a beautiful nosegay of fresh blossoms, which she presented with a sweet smile. This little incident rewarded her of her flowers, and she requested to be placed by the open window, that she might inhale the dewy breath of morning violets with the fragrance of the expanding buds.

As she sat gazing at the blooming landscape, that lay extended in the distance, she appeared in deep thought, her countenance, assumed a pensive, more unearthly hue; a cold sweat appeared upon her marble forehead; then she felt that she must die. Yes, she *knew* the hour of her passage from the Throne of God, and the destroying angel had come to obey the mandate.

Years, unnumbered her bright eyes, as she thought of her parents; for herself she had no fears. Soothe, the beams of the Sun of Righteousness, chased away the half welcome darkness, and her spirit departed to its rest.

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The following anecdote which is highly characteristic of the period of our history to which is referred, and of the person to whom it relates, was communicated to us in conversation, from a highly authentic source, and is given without alteration, except such as unobtrusively occurred in clothing it in our own language.

Captain Crawford, of Virginia; the same who afterwards under the name of Colonel Crawford was taken prisoner, subsequently released, and murdered by the Indians—was marching a company, from the frontiers of his own State, to the Ohio river. The occasion is now forgotten; but it might have been during Braddock's expedition in 1755, or in some of the expeditions previous to Dunmore's war, or rather in some of the earlier ages of the parties, as rather in the latter.

former date. Crawford's men were, of course, hunters and farmers from the outskirts of the Virginia settlements; most probably young, daring, hardy volunteers, of the same class as the pioneers who shortly after that period overrun the forests of Kentucky; and he was himself a bold enterprising man. Previous to his leaving the neighbourhood of the settlements, Crawford, from some accident, found himself in want of the means of transportation, for some baggage or stores; and at a place where he halted in the woods fortunately fell in with a wagoner, who had stopped to rest his horses at the same spot. In such an emergency Crawford felt that his position in pressing the team and its driver into the service, and accordingly communicated his designs to the wagoner. The latter, highly incensed, was inclined to resist what he considered an aggressive act; but he was alone in the midst of a military band, who were ready and able, at a word, to enforce their commander's orders. The wagoner was a great, gigantic, two-fisted, square built fellow, who bore on his face the marks of many a hard fought battle. He was, in fact, a noted bruiser. He received Captain Crawford

order with an air of great dissatisfaction, and remained for a moment silent, looking solemnly at the troops, as if indignantly meditating upon their strength against his own weakness. He then observed to the Captain, that it was hard to be forced to go against his will; that every man ought to have a *fair chance*; that he did not a fair chance, inasmuch as the odds against him were so great as to deprive him of the power of protecting his own rights; he would therefore make a proposition which he thought the Captain was bound in honour to accede to: "I will fight you," said he, "or any man in your company, if I am whipped. I will go with you successfully, but if I conquer, you must let me off." In making this proposal, the wagoner showed himself an able negotiator. He either knew Crawford's character, or had read it during the interview. The captain was an expert woodsman, stout, active and chivalrous; and prided himself on his personal prowess, for which he had already obtained some celebrity. To have refused the wagoner's challenge might have seemed to indicate a want of manhood; it might have lessened him in the eyes of his men; and his own

disposition and cool of ethics, perhaps suggested that the wagoner was enticed in justice to the *four chance* he claimed. He accordingly accepted the challenge, and both parties began to strip for the combat.

At this moment a tall young man, who had recently joined the company, but was a stranger to most of them, and who had been leaning carelessly against a free eyeing the scene with apparent unconcern, stepped forward and drew the Captain aside. "Captain," said he, "you must let me fight that man, he will whip you." Crawford was not willing to appear to back out, but the youth insisted, that to leave the Captain alone, which would certainly be the result, if he persisted, would tarnish the honor of the company, and moreover, that he himself was the only man who could whip the wagoner. The confidence of the youth, and a something about him which inspired confidence in others, enabled him to carry his point. Captain Crawford had done all that policy required, in accepting the challenge, very prudently suffered himself to be persuaded by his men to let the stranger take his place.

The two combatants were now stripped, and prepared for the fight. There was a great disparity in their appearance, the odds being decidedly in favour of the warrior. He was in the vigour of life, big, muscular, hardened by exposure, and experienced in affairs of the kind.—The youth, who when clad in his hunting shirt, seemed slender, now showed himself to be a young giant. His frame had not yet acquired the fullness, the compactness, and the vigour of ripe manhood which it afterwards possessed to so high a degree; his limbs seemed to be loosely hung together; but his bones and muscles were enormous, and his eye full of courage.

The conflict, though bloody, was short.—The warrior was completely and terribly beaten.—The youth sprang on him with the security of an



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